



## MITIGATED DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

**Description of proposal:** Dog Gone Timber Sale #30-078975 and attached Forest Practice Application No. 2412881; A one unit proposal comprised of 40 net acres of a regeneration harvest consisting of approximately 1,619 MBF. This proposal also includes 17,000 feet of required prehaul maintenance, 4,683 feet of optional road construction, 209 feet of required road reconstruction and 2,754 feet of road abandonment, if constructed.

**Description of mitigation:** The following Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) procedures apply:

Northern Spotted Owls – this proposal is within an HCP designated Northern Spotted Owl Dispersal habitat within the Reese Creek Spotted Owl Management Unit (SOMU). This proposal will not bring dispersal habitat within this SOMU below threshold, PR 14-004-120,

Marbled Murrelet – this proposal is within the South Puget Planning Unit, which does not have a Marbled Murrelet Reclassified Habitat Model, PR 14-004-320. Two suitable marbled murrelet habitat polygons have been identified in the proximity of the harvest area. Occupancy is unknown since protocol surveys have not been conducted at these sites. Sale boundaries are located to provide 300 foot buffers for these habitat polygons according to WAC 222-160080. Marbled Murrelet timing restrictions will be placed on all portions of the harvest unit and part of the haul route to reduce potential disturbance to these habitat polygons. These restrictions will apply to all harvesting, road construction and hauling activities. They will be in place from April 1<sup>st</sup> to August 31<sup>st</sup> from one hour before sunrise to 2 hours after sunrise and from 1 hour before sunset to 1 hour after sunset according to WAC 222-30-060,

Riparian Management Zone (RMZ) – One Type 5 stream is outside the boundary of the harvest unit by at least 30 feet. A second Type 5 stream is located within the harvest boundary and will be protected with leave tree clumps and a 30 foot equipment limitation zone,

PR 14-004-150,

Slope Stability – One area with evidence of past recent slope failure was identified to the west of the proposal and was excluded from the harvest boundaries. There are no areas identified as unstable or potentially unstable within the harvest area, PR 14-004-050,

Retention Trees – approximately 325 leave trees will remain following harvest. They will be scattered throughout the unit with some clumped along the Type 5 stream within the unit, PR 14-006-090,

Cliff – a cliff adjacent to the north boundary of the unit was excluded from the harvest area a minimum of 30 feet to protect it from potential disturbance, PR 14-004-190

Roads – to reduce potential for resource damage, road construction and rock haul will not be permitted from November 1 to May 31, unless otherwise approved by Contract Administrator. Rock for this proposal can be obtained from Bob's 24 Road Pit and/or the Iron Horse Pit.

For specifics on all mitigation measures consult the SEPA document for this proposal.

**Proponent:** Department of Natural Resources

**Location of proposal, including street address, if any:** The proposal is located in parts of Sections 5, 7 and 8 in Township 14 North, Range 6 East, W.M. The haul route for this proposal is located in the same sections plus Sections 1, 2, 3 and 4 in Township 14 North, Range 6 East W.M. and Sections 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30 and 36 in Township 15 North, Range 6 East W.M. and Sections 25 and 26 in Township 15 North, Range 5 East W.M. The units are located approximately 8 miles by road southwest of Ashford in Pierce County. See the attached Forest Practices Application.

**Lead agency:** Department of Natural Resources

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

☐ There is no comment period for this Mitigated DNS.

☒ This MDNS is issued under 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from April 24, 2008. Comments must be submitted by May 8, 2008.

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